

Week Ending Friday, March 16, 2007

**Remarks Prior to a Discussion With  
Members of the Community in  
Sao Paulo, Brazil**

*March 9, 2007*

Well, first I'd like to thank Flavio for his hospitality. Laura and I are so thrilled to be in Brazil. We love your beautiful country, but I also love the fact that there are people who are deeply concerned about the plight of the least of us. And I am very proud of my country's contribution to helping social entrepreneurs who are helping people help others. I believe you can change society one heart at a time; that's what I believe. But I know in order to do so, it requires people who are willing to make sacrifice.

Flavio runs a place of love and compassion, all aimed at being a part of that social fabric that helps heal the broken heart and provides hope for the future.

And so I thank you all for joining Laura and me. I'm really looking forward to hearing about what you have done, how others can help. But the main reason I'm here is to thank you. We're all members of God's family, and when one of us hurts, we also hurt. And there are a lot of hurting people in the world, a lot of hurting people in Brazil. And the people in the United States care.

So I'm honored to be with you. I look forward to the roundtable. Flavio, I guess this is your place, so you start, right?

NOTE: The President spoke at 4:41 p.m. at Meninos do Morumbi. In his remarks, he referred to Flavio Pimenta, president and director, Meninos do Morumbi. The Office of the Press Secretary also released a Spanish language transcript of these remarks. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks. This item was not received in time for publication in the appropriate issue.

**Letter to the Speaker of the House of  
Representatives Transmitting a  
Request for Fiscal Year 2007  
Department of Defense  
Supplemental Budget Revisions**

*March 9, 2007*

*Dear Madam Speaker:*

I ask the Congress to consider the enclosed revisions to the FY 2007 Department of Defense supplemental request proposed in my FY 2008 Budget. This revised request would better align resources based on the assessment of military commanders to achieve the goal of establishing Iraq and Afghanistan as democratic and secure nations that are free of terrorism. Overall, the discretionary budget authority in my FY 2007 supplemental proposal would not be increased by these requests.

The details of these amendments are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

**George W. Bush**

NOTE: This letter was released by the Office of the Press Secretary on March 10.

**Letter to the Speaker of the House of  
Representatives Transmitting  
Proposed Budget Cancellations**

*March 9, 2007*

*Dear Madam Speaker:*

I ask the Congress to consider the enclosed FY 2007 request to cancel \$3.1 billion of funding from lower-priority Federal programs and excess funds. This request would offset fully the funds needed to address the \$3.1 billion FY 2007 funding shortfall for the Department of Defense to implement the